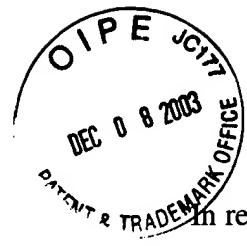


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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, and to the Advisory Action dated November 19, 2003. It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary to file this response. However, in the event that such an extension of time is necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the necessary fee for extending the time period to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 in order to maintain the pendency of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.